

MRS. BEDFORD IN ROW STREET

**ALLEGED FALSE REGISTRY OF  
BIRTH OF \$370,000 BABY.**

**She Was Helen Middleton—Married Gunning S. Bedford in Washington, D. C.—Husband's Relatives Notify Trustee**

*Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.*  
LONDON, May 17.—Mrs. Gunning S. Bedford, accused of offering a spurious baby as her husband's heir, was not actually arrested until the Umbria, from New York, was docked at Liverpool to-day. It was intended not to arrest her until she reached London, but it was learned that she intended to remain several days in Liverpool, and go

thence to Paris, whereupon she was taken into custody. She arrived in London this evening in charge of Inspector Gough, accompanied by her child and maid, an elderly French woman, who was engaged in Paris just before Mrs. Bedford started for the United States.

The maid, who says she knows nothing about the case except that she was hired to care for the baby, went with it upon

arriving in London to the Charing Cross Hotel, where she will stay for the present. Mrs. Bedford was taken to the Bow street police station. She submitted to arrest calmly, and retired at 11 o'clock, the matron at the station acting as her maid. The correspondent of THE SUN was not allowed to see Mrs. Bedford, but in response to a request through an officer for a statement she sent a message saying:

"It is out of the question. I would be happy to receive any information from you. As for giving any, decidedly not."

The warrant upon which Mrs. Bedford

will be arraigned in the Bow street police court to-morrow morning was obtained on May 14 by J. B. Robinson on behalf of the Couderets. It charges her with causing a false entry to be made in the registry of births in the Tottenham Court Road district of St. Pancras on Dec. 15, she representing herself to be the mother of a child named Eugénie, born Dec. 17, at 16 Upper Woburn place, London.

The penalty for false registry under the English law varies from one year to seven years imprisonment. Mrs. Bedford in

tended to go to Paris for the purpose of further establishing her claim to parentage of the child. She went to New York in April from Paris, where her husband had died in February. She took with her a transcript of the St. Pancras birth certificate.

It is understood that she was married in Washington, D. C. The prosecution professes to be able to prove that the child was procured in Paris and brought to London, where it was registered, Mr. Bedford, who was then ill in Paris, not knowing anything of the matter, and that it was only after his death that the child was produced.

As was told in **THE SUN** yesterday, Mrs. Bedford has a child in her care which she says she had by her late husband, and relatives of her husband's family who would profit from the trust estates if Mr. Bedford died childless have charged that she procured a child not her own and has put it forward as her husband's offspring and

The firm of Coudert Bros. has conducted the principal investigation which has led to the apprehension of Mrs. Bedford, the proceedings originating in the firm's Paris office and having been continued in England and this country. Lorenzo Semple of Coudert Bros. said yesterday that all of the direct line of the late Lady

After Mr. Bedford died in Paris on Feb. 17, last, his relatives learned with surprise that his wife declared that he had left her with infant son. Mr. Bedford had been in very bad health for nearly a year before his death, and while he was ill last winter his wife left their Paris home and went to England on a visit. When her husband became worse she was sent for and she

reached his bedside shortly before he died.

She brought back an infant with her, but, Mr. Sample said, Mr. Bedford never saw the child or knew anything about it. When his relatives heard of the child they decided, in view of Mr. Bedford's long illness and certain other matters within their knowledge, to institute an inquiry as to the child's birth. Mrs. Bedford is described as being of slight, delicate young womanhood.

She had visited the Paris office of Couderet Bros., very frequently on business up to the time of her husband's death, and was engaged. Her husband's relatives learned from the physician who attended Mr. Bedford that the physician had no knowledge, direct or indirect, of her prospective husband, although he saw his patient's wife every day or so on his calls upon the sick man.

With these facts in mind, Couderet Bros.,

An investigation to ascertain the particulars of the birth of Mrs. Bedford's baby in England. The Registrar's office in London was informed of the child's birth, and the investigation revealed the fact that the entry was made by a woman who represented herself as the sister of Mrs. Bedford. She gave the address of the entry gave her own residence as Antwerp, and she gave street and number as well as her name.

It was learned that his office found that there was no such address in Antwerp, not even such a street in that city as the one named by the woman at the London Registrar's office. When the woman was discovered, he said, that the woman who reported the birth answered in minute detail the description of Mrs. Bedford given by the London Registrar. "The hotel where the woman had said that her sister, Mrs. Bedford, was stopping in London at the time of her accouchement, was the hotel where she was staying. She had been there at all. Furthermore, the landlord and his wife and all the attendants

With this evidence, Scotland Yard was notified by the attorneys, and steps were taken in New York to prevent the succession of the alleged enurious baby to the interest which Mr. Bedford's issue would have had in the trust estates.

Meanwhile, Mr. Bedford had come to New York last April with the child, bringing her husband's remains, which she buried there. She was met by Eugene L. Buhe, a lawyer, who was one of the executors

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